

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
FINAL: September Minutes
9/8/04

Monthly CAG Meeting
Robin Plance, Chair
800 NE Oregon Ave., 6:05 to 8:00 PM

Minutes taken by Dorothy Shoemaker
Portland Harbor CAG website: www.portlandharborcag.org

Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	(b) (6)	St. Johns Neighborhood Assoc. Chair, Administrative committee coordinator
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Business:

Steve Gunther	(b) (6)	Progressive Products and Services
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Environment:

Dorothy Shoemaker	(b) (6)	Sierra Club Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary
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At-Large:

(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Citizen
Joe Keating	(b) (6)	Oregon Wildlife Federation, Education and Outreach coordinator

Recreation:

Bill Barrett	(b) (6)	Waterfront Org. of Oregon
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Health:

Jane Haley-Harris	jane@oregon-health.org	Oregon Center for Environmental Health (OCEH)
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Excused absences:

Neighborhood Associations:

Larry Talbert	(b) (6)	Hi Noon
Peter Laughingwolf	(b) (6)	Cathedral Park

Recreation:

(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Citizen
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At-Large:

(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Citizen
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Environment:

Travis Williams	travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org	Willamette Riverkeeper
Rhett Lawrence	rhett@ospirg.org	OSPIRG

Others present:

Jim Anderson	DEQ	Anderson.jim@deq.state.or.us
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Barbara Smith	Lower Willamette Group	Barbara@harrisandsmith.com
Fenix Grange	DEQ	grange.fenix@deq.state.or.us
Chip Humphrey	EPA	humphrey.chip@epa.gov
Kim Cox	City of Portland	kimc@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Bill Egan	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club	no email
(b) (6)	Citizen	(b) (6)
Michael Prondt	BES	michaelp@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Jim McKenna	Port of Portland	mckenj@portptld.com
Sue Safford	Port of Portland	saffos@portptld.com
Dawn Sanders	City of Portland	dawns@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Kevin Masterson	DEQ	masterson.Kevin@deq.state.or.us

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CAG meeting brought to order by Robin Plance, chair, at 6:05 PM in usual room.

NOTE: 8 people were present at meeting. Who is the 8th person, not listed as attending?

There were no copies of the minutes due to Judy Smith being out of town, so we did not vote on the August minutes. The vote was postponed to next month.

Introductions.

The Water Lab is available on our meeting nights. We decided to discuss this under Administrative Committee.

Education and Outreach – Joe Keating

We talked about the recent retreat. See notes by Dorothy and Robin. A campaign is shaping up around stewardship of the harbor. We need to define: What are we asking people to do? We can include the PRP letter in the campaign. Joe and Jim are drafting the PRP letter with survey.

The E&O Committee will meet at Joe's house on Wednesday, September 15th. Joe lives at 3020 SE Yamhill Street in Portland.

Administrative Committee – Robin Plance

Dorothy reported that the flyer is done. We need funding to copy it.

Jim Robison looked into getting a P.O. box. Robin will talk to Ken at Penn Station about renting a box for a year.

Robin has not filed paperwork on registration of the CAG.

Superfund Field Day

Robin reported that Safeway may donate \$100 in merchandise. Robin asked for raffle gifts to be given to attendees of Field Day. Jackie posted flyers.

The committee for Field Day, including Barbara Smith, Fenix Grange and others, advertised Field Day in local papers this week and next. The LWG sampling boat will be there.

The CAG will have a table. One suggestion was to recruit CAG members. Joe will give away water.

Steve suggested PSAs for Field Day. Fenix at DEQ is handling outreach. No radio ads are planned. Radio ads would require a tape of the announcement, which is difficult, according to Fenix. Field Day will be announced on Channel 8.

Barbara Smith and Fenix said they'd email the CAG listserv the ad for Field Day. Also, they said they'd send Dorothy the HTML version of the flyer, so she can post it on the CAG website.

The North Portland Neighborhood Association is donating an awning for the CAG table, and Robin may bring additional awnings.

Interpreters will be available as reported in last month's minutes.

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Regina was not present, so we did not have her scheduled presentation.

We would like to use a picture from the LWG website as a watermark on our flyer. Barbara Smith said it would be OK to use it.

MOTION: Move CAG meetings to the City of Portland Water Lab. Joe moved/Jim seconded.

After discussion, motion was tabled until more members could be consulted.

Some points made in the discussion: The Water Lab is hard to get to on public transportation. It would be more convenient for some to leave the meetings where they are. The Water Lab is near the harbor, which is our topic, and not locked, so people don't have to have the door opened.

Steve Gunther is talking to a contractor at McCormick and Baxter named Harley. He'll come talk at a CAG meeting soon.

The Administrative Committee will schedule a meeting after the Education and Outreach meeting.

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Clean Water Act – Kevin Masterson of DEQ, Michael Prondt of BES

Kevin and Michael presented the system for controlling discharges by industry. The DEQ is working under EPA supervision.

NPDES permits – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

1200-Z is the permit for most industrial discharges.

There is a lawsuit by Northwest Environmental Defenders.

TMDL – Total maximum daily load

It's \$10,000.00 for an individual permit, \$600 for a general permit. They're looking at adding an intermediate permit.

They're hiring a Portland Harbor cleanup manager.

It costs \$100 to have a sample analyzed by the lab.

823-7180 is the phone number for the City of Portland's pollution complaint hotline. Citizens can call in abuses.

Kevin and Michael agreed that the Harbor Superfund listing has led to more cooperation between the City and DEQ.

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The NRDA process has been terminated, as The Oregonian reported on today's front page.

CERCLA (the Superfund) prevents further damage to the environment. NRDA was an agreement with affected Tribes to restore resources, and compensate the Tribes for damages.

The information needed for CERCLA applies to NRDA also.

Most of the organizations in the Lower Willamette Group were in the NRDA agreement. They had a non-binding agreement to pay for the NRDA study, and the companies involved decided to stop paying.

Jim McKenna of the Port of Portland says he sees a cooling off period next.

Fenix reported on the Willamette River Cleanup Authority (WRCA). They will meet next after the election.

Dawn Sanders reported on the Fireboat. The City will be doing emergency dredging so the firemen can get their boat up to the dock. 2000 cubic yards of sediment will be moved to a landfill. Public comment will be through the Army Corps of Engineers.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.